

**BREA**

Brookhaven National Laboratory

Building 475C

Upton, NY 11973

Phone: 631-344-2707

[www.brea.bnl.gov](http://www.brea.bnl.gov)

**PRESIDENT:** Joyce Tichler

**Vice President:** Lew Jacobson

**Treasurer:** Barney McAlary

**Secretary:** Alyce Daly

**Membership Chairman:** Dave Cox

May 17, 2005

Michael Holland, Site Manager

DOE-Brookhaven Site Office

Bldg. 464

PO Box 5000

Upton, NY 11973

Dear Mr. Holland:

On behalf of the Brookhaven Retired Employees Association I wish to make the following comment on the Draft Workforce Restructuring Plan proposed for Brookhaven National Laboratory.

There is no discussion of the commitment to continue benefits to retirees in the face of various contingencies. Recent news from the airline industry highlights the possibility of events, unforeseen by employees, which may have serious implications for a retired person. Without a strong commitment to continuation of benefits many potential volunteers will hesitate to retire.

Sincerely,

Joyce Tichler

President, BREA